

C180

Ephrathym was celebrated
in Jan. 68 from C180

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Easter

Christian feast of the resurrection
of Christ from C180

celebrated 1st Sun after

1st full moon of spring.

Rule for Easter - Council of

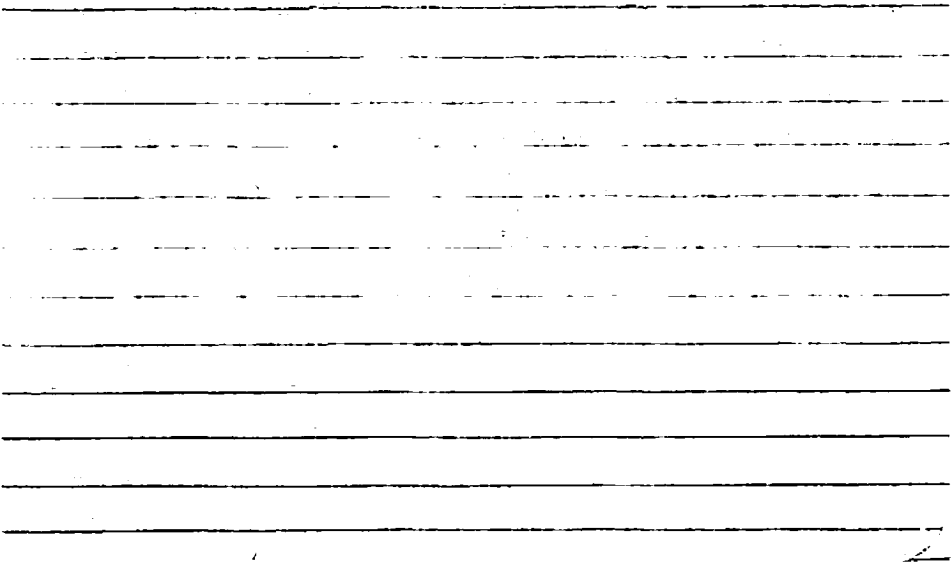
Nicaea 325

180-284 AD

DECLINE OF POPULATION & PROSPERITY

By the irony of fate, the reign of the best of emperors marks also another great calamity. In the year 166 AD, a new Asiatic plague swept from the Euphrates to the Atlantic, carrying off, we are told, HALF the population of the empire.

From Aurelius to Aurelian, at brief intervals, the pestilence returned, desolating wide regions and demoralizing industry. Even vigorous young societies take a long time to recover from a single blow of this kind (In the 14th Century



180-192

COMMODOUS son of Marcus Aurelius was Emperor. This reign was the beginning of Rome's long decline. Commodus was thoroughly unfit to rule and his reign was marked by despotism, licentiousness and brutality. He was strangled in 192.

180AD

Death of Marcus Aurelius
Accession of Commodus
Commodus makes an
aggressive peace with
the SARMATIANS and returns
to Rome.

180 AD

192 AD

Commodus succeeded his father Marcus Aurelius. He was an incompetent voluptuary whose dissipation, cruelties, and neglect of affairs of state motivated a group of conspirators to have him strangled in 192 AD.

Civil war followed:

Septimius Severus emerged and established a dynasty that provided some measure of order.

180-183

Commodus leaves the
government to his
father's ministers
and plunges into
private dissipation.

First attempt on Commodus life
Instigated by his elder sister LUCILLA
The plan was for her nephew, CLAUDIUS
POMPEIANUS QUINTIANUS, to lie in
wait for Commodus in the entrance
to the Colosseum with a dagger
concealed in his cloak. When Commodus
drew near, Quintianus rushed
from his hiding place, brandishing
the dagger. He wasted time

saying 'See! This is what the senate
has sent you. As he was speaking, he
was seized by the imperial guard and
disarmed -

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India: VASUDEVA, Kushan
emperor (to 220 A.D.)